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Attn: Examiner Stephen Marcus

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Re: Our File: 1672-3

For: SYSTEM FOR FIXING ROTARY CUTTING DIES IN MACHINES FOR  
DIE CUTTING LAMINAR MATERIAL

International Application No.: PCT/ES99/00157

Inventor: SERRA OBIOL, Ramon

U.S. Serial No.: 09/463,914

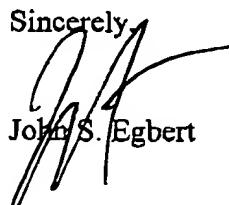
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Dear Examiner Marcus:

Following are copies of the Amendment "C" as sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 16, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. A previous copy of the Amendment "C" was faxed on June 3, 2002.

We had been contacted by Examiner Flores earlier today, August 5, 2003, who instructed us to fax another copy of the missing amendment to the fax number shown above. At this time, we do not have a return acknowledgment post card from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We suspect that the original document and post card may have been irradiated and/or lost during the heightened security measures in early 2002. Please enter this amendment for consideration by the Examiner.

If you have any questions or require further documentation, then please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
John S. Egbert

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Sir:

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## AMENDMENT "C"

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Box Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 23, 2001, a response being due by January 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 22 - 32 and substitute Claims 33 - 41 therefor as follows:

33. An apparatus for die cutting laminar material comprising:

a cutting die support cylinder having a cylindrical outer surface;

a cutting die having a curved shape, said cutting die having a curved inner surface

conforming to said cylindrical outer surface of said cutting die support cylinder, said cutting die having a plurality of holes formed therein so as to extend from said curved inner surface to an exterior surface of said cutting die;

a fixing means for securing said cutting die to said cutting die support cylinder, said fixing means comprising:

*claim 23*

a bolt having a shank and a head, said head having a larger area than an area